

**Joint Statement on the Establishment of Sister-city Relationship
Between the City of Taipei, Republic of China and the City of
Phoenix, United States of America**

The City Government of Taipei and Phoenix, acting on the common wish of the residents of the two cities, have decided to enter into a Sister-city relationship as of this day, the 13th of March, 1979.

The Republic of China and the United States of America being on the same side in the struggle for upholding justice and maintaining peace, friendly cooperation between the peoples of the two countries has been firmly established. Working on the basis of the traditional Sino-American friendship, the two sister cities shall endeavor to further their social progress, urban development and the wellbeing of their residents.

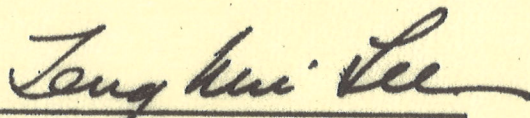
The attainment of these objectives is the unanimous aspiration of the residents of Taipei and Phoenix. We shall keep in close collaboration and work hand in glove, on the existing foundation of friendship, toward greater understanding and mutual trust between the two cities. We shall also encourage and help each other and work together for the freedom and happiness of the residents of the two cities by

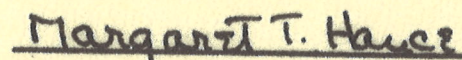
- Accelerating urban modernization for social progress and wellbeing.
- Abiding by constitutional democracy for the protection of our free way of life.
- Preserving our cultural heritages and encouraging the cultural, educational and scientific development of the Chinese and American nationals living in each other's territory, and
- Relieving the suffering arising from natural disasters that may occur in either city and strengthening our mutual concern.

The above statement is based on the common realization of, and mutual respect and trust between the residents of the two cities. The undersigned hereby declares that they shall strive for the materialization of these common ideals without fail.

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